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SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR LETTER FROM PRESIDENT
CLINTON TO PRESIDENT OF DAIA

REF: (A) STATE 192042, (B) STATE 192191

1. IN ADDITION TO LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON TO PRESIDENT MENEM, AND LETTER FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER DI TELLA, WHICH CHARGE WILL DELIVER TODAY, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON TO HEAD OF THE "DELEGATION OF ISRAELI-ARGENTINE ASSOCIATIONS" (DAIA), THE UMBRELLA ENTITY FOR ALL JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN ARGENTINA, WITH HEADQUARTERS IN THE DESTROYED AMIA BUILDING. THE PRESIDENT OF DAIA IS DR. RUBEN BERAJA. SUCH A MESSAGE WOULD CONVEY U.S. SOLIDARITY WITH THE ARGENTINE JEWISH COMMUNITY WHICH IS THE GROUP MOST DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY THIS BRUTAL TERRORIST ATTACK. BELOW IS SUGGESTED TEXT:

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR DR. BERAJA: IN THIS MOMENT OF TRAGEDY FOR THE ARGENTINE JEWISH COMMUNITY, AND FOR ALL ARGENTINA, LET ME EXPRESS ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OUR PROFOUND SHOCK AND DEEP SENSE OF GRIEF AT THE CRIMINAL ACT PERPETRATED AGAINST THE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING OF THE ISRAELI-ARGENTINE MUTUAL ASSOCIATION IN BUENOS AIRES ON JULY 18.

3. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES FOR YOUR IRREPARABLE LOSSES. LET ME ASSURE YOU, AND ALL OF THOSE WHO SUFFERED AS A RESULT OF THIS COWARDLY ACT, THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE WITH YOU IN OUR

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PRAYERS AT THIS TRAGIC MOMENT. END TEXT.

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